

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 132

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A RESOLUTION to urge the State of Tennessee to provide adequate funding for advanced placement programs.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly takes notice that gifted students who consistently perform at the highest level of academic achievement need challenging curricula that will enable them to reach and maintain a high level of academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, high school advanced placement programs provide the necessary challenging curricula to support Tennessee's gifted students and allow them to reach and maintain a high level of academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, high school advanced placement programs require well-qualified teachers who can provide rigorous instruction, teachers trained to teach advanced placement classes, purchasing specialized educational materials, and making provision for students to take the PSAT exam or the ACT equivalent; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to the success of the State of Tennessee through the development of its students and future leaders, and hence its economy and the total welfare of its people, that the State of Tennessee make available adequate funding to support Advanced Placement programs for Tennessee's high schools; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly expresses its unwavering support for an increase in funding to provide adequate funding for advanced placement programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby urge and encourage the Governor to include such an earmarked appropriation within the administration's general appropriations act for fiscal year 2005-2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, and to the Commissioners of the Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Education.